

In the Claims:

Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 12-13 and 18 are amended herein.

Claims 4, 10, 11, 15-17 and 20 are cancelled herein.

Claims 5, 9, and 19 remain unchanged.

Claim 21 is added.

The status of the claims are as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A stirring device for use in combination with a carousel in a microwave oven comprising:

a base member adapted to fit against an upper surface of a cooking chamber of the microwave oven;

an attachment member integral to said base member wherein said attachment member is a single suction cup; and

a shaft depending vertically from said base member, ~~and terminating in a head member~~
wherein said shaft further comprises a first segment having a shaft opening and a second segment for telescopic fit with the shaft opening of the first segment wherein the second segment includes a longitudinal groove and terminates in a head member.

2. (Previously Cancelled).

3. (Presently Amended) A device claimed in Claim 1 ~~wherein said shaft further comprises~~further comprising:

~~a first segment depending from said base and having an end distal to said base;~~

~~a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and an opening at said distal end; and,~~

~~a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft opening and a second end terminating in the head; and~~

a securing member for securing said second segment to said first segment.

4. (Cancelled herein).

5. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 3 wherein said securing member comprises:

a screw hole extending through said first segment and joining said shaft opening

proximate said distal end; and

a locking screw received by said screw hole.

6. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said second segment of said shaft further includes a groove extending ~~at least partially from said base to said head~~, in a spiral along at least part of the length of said shaft~~second segment~~.

7. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said head member includes a blade having an opening extending there through.

8. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the head member comprises a multiplicity of blades.

9. (Original) A device as claimed in Claim 8 wherein some of said multiplicity of blades have openings in the walls thereof and others of said multiplicity of blades do not.

10. (Cancelled herein).

11. (Cancelled herein).

12. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim ~~10~~ 1 further including circumferential grooves in the walls of the second segment of the shaft.

13. (Presently Amended) A stirring device comprising:

a microwave oven having:

a cooking chamber defined by three walls, a floor, an upper surface, and a door,
and
a carousel located on said floor of said microwave oven,
a base member;
an attachment member comprising a suction cup integral to said base member and fixed
to said upper surface of said cooking chamber; and
a shaft depending from said base member, ~~and terminating in a head having at least one~~
~~blade~~ wherein said shaft further comprises:
a first segment depending from said base member and having an end distal to said base
member;
a shaft opening extending along the axis of said first segment and opening at said distal
end;
a second segment having a first end configured to be telescopically received by said shaft
opening and a second end terminating in a head having at least one blade, the
second segment having circumferential grooves.

14. (Previously Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled herein).

16. (Cancelled herein).

17. (Cancelled herein).

18. (Presently Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said at least one blade has an opening extending there through.

19. (Previously Amended) A device as claimed in Claim 13 wherein said head has a multiplicity of blades, at least some of said multiplicity of blades having holes therein.

20. (Cancelled herein).

21. (New) A device as claimed in Claim 19 wherein at least some of the blades have a curved edge.